

ABSTRACT

A handheld electronic device which is adapted to
5 carry out at least one operation. The device is control-
lable by a user using the device as a pen and writing a
command for initiating said operation, such as "dial the
following telephone number".

A method for initiating the operation in an electro-
10 nic device and software used for implementing the method.

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Table 1. Demographic characteristics of the study population	
Age (years)	Mean (SD)
Male	55.2 (10.5)
Female	56.8 (11.2)
Marital status	
Married	68.5%
Single	12.3%
Divorced	15.7%
Widowed	3.5%
Education level	
High school or less	45.2%
College	32.1%
Postgraduate	22.7%
Occupation	
Professional	28.9%
Managerial	18.4%
Technical	15.6%
Service	22.3%
Unemployed	14.8%
Income (USD/month)	
< 1000	12.5%
1000-2000	35.7%
2000-3000	28.9%
> 3000	22.9%
Health status	
Good	65.4%
Fair	28.7%
Poor	5.9%
Smoking status	
Smoker	32.1%
Non-smoker	67.9%
Alcohol consumption	
Regular	15.6%
Occasional	28.9%
Never	55.5%